

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Annual Meeting at Watertown, resounding success, is past and now we look forward to the 1971 meeting to be held at Lake Mohonk Mountain Lodge. We'd like to thank here our host organization at Watertown, the North Country Bird Club, for their fine hospitality.

The Federation is, in spite of being healthy, experiencing some growing pains. The pressures on our environment have resulted in more of the member clubs becoming active in the conservation field and even acquiring their own sanctuary lands. The growing realization of the importance of education in environmental affairs had led to more use of natural areas by the public schools for education and more requests for aid from the private clubs and more problems in how to budget our efforts more effectively. At the Watertown meeting it was decided to divide the State into three areas and appoint (later elect) area representatives who would hold regional meetings to deal with pressing problems and to facilitate the business of the Federation at the annual get-together. Only by working together and speeding up communications may we do a better job for the member clubs and our communities. Reports from these area meetings could enhance our journal *The Kingbird*. We are sending a letter to each member club asking for nominations or suggestions as to who might accept the area appointments—we hope each club will assist us by sending names to us for consideration.

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